

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Ly T Tran for having allowed (according to the coversheet of the Official Action) claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 25 and 27 — and also for having indicated that claims 10 through 13, and claim 28, would be allowable if suitably amended. The Applicants respectfully wish to reserve the right to so amend those claims in a later paper, since the parent claims as now amended are believed to be allowable.

In the Official Action at page 7, in the paragraph numbered "4", claims 4 and 27 are not mentioned as allowed; however, those claims also are not mentioned among the rejections or objections stated at pages 2 through 7 of the Action; it is therefore believed that the intent was to allow those claims as stated on the coversheet.

Section 102 rejections

In the Official Action it is said that claims 5, 6; 9 through 15; 19; 22 through 24; 26, and 29 are anticipated by Taylor or Osborne. (As to the claims discussed on page 2 of the Action, in the paragraphs numbered "1", the cited reference is stated inconsistently; however, it is believed that the intention was to rely upon Taylor, not Osborne.)

Moving spittoons in both the Taylor and Osborne patents:

- (1) are not said to reciprocate,
- (2) are prominently cylindrical, and
- (3) undergo exclusively rotary (not linear) motion.

In the part of the Official Action entitled "Response to Arguments", at bottom of page 7, it is indicated that the Ap-

plicants' February 3 arguments are not persuasive because, in part, the claims do not adequately distinguish the first of these three features.

More specifically, it is said in the Action that "nothing in the claim recite[s] that the shuttle is reciprocating". Of course the Applicants teach a shuttle that preferably does reciprocate.

As to the last two of the three features listed above, they are inherently and conspicuously absent from the Applicants' invention — that is, the Applicants' moving spittoon is substantially noncylindrical, and undergoes motion that is substantially linear; in fact it undergoes motion that is substantially linear only.

All the art-rejected claims are now amended to plainly distinguish one or more of the three above-listed Taylor/Osborne features — i. e., either singly or in combinations of two and three features. The Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the Section 102 rejections are inapposite to the claims as amended.

Section 103 rejections

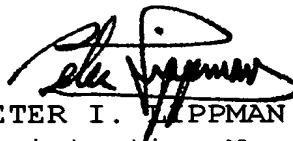
It is additionally said in the Official Action that claims 2 and 3 are obvious over Taylor and Cameron in combination. These claims too have been amended, as described above, to distinguish Taylor; and the Applicants believe that these rejections too are no longer applicable to the claims as amended.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's favorable reconsideration and allowance of all the claims now standing in this case.

It is respectfully requested that, should there appear any further obstacle to allowance of the claims herein, the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney to try to resolve the obstacle.

Respectfully submitted,



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